Inoperative power Stations of NTPC and NHPC

546. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
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Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of inoperative power stations of NTPC and NHPC in the country at present, state-wise;

(b) the total number of such power stations which are not generating power as per their installed capacity;

(c) the reasons therefor in each case; and

(d) the corrective measures being contemplated by Government for their renovation and modernisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) No power station of NTPC and NHPC in the country is inoperative at present. Month-wise Plant Load Factor of thermal based power stations which are generating less than the target fixed for April-June, 1997 are as follows:

Sl. No.	Power Station	Plant Load Factor (April-June 1997) in %		
		April	May	June
1.	Farakka STPS	43.7	54.1	48.7
2.	Kahalgaon	53.4	55.4	50.9
3.	Unchahar	43.0	47.7	80.7
4.	Talcher STPS Under Stabilisation			

Farakka STPS and Kahalgaon TPS have not generated as per the target fixed, mainly due to low demand in off-peak period in Eastern Region. Unchahar Station was shut down during the period for unplanned annual maintenance but has resumed generation now.

As regards NHPC all stations can produce power to the full capacity subject to availability of adequate water in the reservoirs.

(d) NTPC/NHPC stations are fairly new and hence renovation and modernisation is presently not contemplated. However, renovation and modernisation of Talcher TPS (Old) which was taken over by NTPC from Orissa State Electricity Board in June, 1995 is under implementation.

Availability of Electricity for Kerala State from Central Pool

547. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of electricity available from the Central Pool to Kerala State and how it was fixed;

(b) what actually is the State Government's request to Centre for power supply from Central pool and what has been actually supplied to the State during the last three years; and

(c) what are the reasons for not meeting the State Government's demand for power supply to the full from the Central Pool?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Kerala has been allotted 414.5 MW from the central generating stations in the southern region. The allocation of power to States UTs in the region from central generating stations is done on the basis of the quantum of central plan assistance and energy consumption during the five years preceding the date of commissioning of the project with each factor having equal weightage. In respect of central sector thermal projects, 10% allocation is given to "Home State" (for Central Hydel projects 12% is allotted to